

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5707
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CITIES NOT LINKED WITH RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has made any study or assessment where districts and important cities are still not linked by railway line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have received any such proposals from the State Governments and other public bodies in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the programme chalked by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST
RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e): Most of the important towns and district headquarters in the country have been provided with access to rail services. The expansion of the rail network is a continuous and need based exercise that is undertaken by taking an integrated view of the nation's requirement and keeping the overall resource availability in mind. While doing so, all representations/proposals received from the State Governments, public representatives, user agencies, and other public interest groups/individuals are also kept in mind. At present about 8500 Kms of new rail lines are sanctioned at a cost of approx. Rs.27,650 Crores.